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CITY'S 2013 CONSTRUCTION SEASON UNDERWAY

INDIANAPOLIS – Today Mayor Greg Ballard, City-County Councillor Joseph Simpson, and Department of Public Works (DPW) Director Lori Miser gathered at the Fall Creek Trail for a press conference to celebrate National Public Works Week and officially mark the launch of the 2013 construction season. Work on several projects—such as the Fall Creek Trail Extension—has already begun.

The projects planned for 2013 include traditional infrastructure projects as well as projects focused on increasing connectivity and quality of life for all residents.

"The projects we've been able to complete because of the RebuildIndy program have been transformative for neighborhoods throughout our City," Mayor Ballard said. "In the 2013 construction season, we'll continue to invest in projects that improve our streets and contribute to our City's vitality."

2013 Construction Season Highlights

- 120 miles of streets to be resurfaced
- Coordinating with IndyGo to identify sidewalk gaps and other needs near and around bus stops
- Nine bridges will receive repair and maintenance work
- Fall Creek Trail extension from the Monon to Central Avenue and from Skiles Test Park to Fort Benjamin Harrison Park
- Wanamaker Downtown Relief Storm Sewer and Streetscape
- Perry Township roundabout installation at Edgewood Avenue/McFarland Street and Edgewood Avenue/Gray Road.

"This construction season we have found innovative ways to address our city's infrastructure needs *and* focus on lasting economic development and quality-of-life investments," DPW Director Lori Miser said. "For example, DPW is continuing work to connect our city's neighborhoods, parks, and businesses with trails and greenways that offer access for everyone—whether they're driving, walking, bicycling or riding a bus."

DPW plans to invest \$92 million total to resurface 120 miles of streets, repair nine bridges, pour almost 83,000 linear feet of sidewalks, and create 29,782 feet of new trails. Work also will include installing nearly 1,000 ADA ramps as well as parks and storm water improvements around Marion County.

Residents are encouraged to check <u>www.indy.gov/RebuildIndy</u> and follow @IndyDPW on Twitter for construction updates, road closures and to stay up-to-date on work in their areas.